



LED Presentation Designer user manual



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What is the LPD software for

LPD is an application that enables you to create spectacular presentations dedicated for our LED screens. This software also can be used to initiate remote communication with the LED display via computer network or an internet (available only with optional LAN or Wi-Fi communication system). The application has simple and intuitive interface so its operation should not cause any problem even for a novice user.

Create an attractive ad for LED screen, announce new promotion, display current temperature, time, date, and other information you want to share. All these and even more available just in seconds with LPD software, so easy... Designed presentations are being saved on the SD card. Once you have saved the files on the card, slide it into SD card slot at the bottom of LED display and play it. If you purchased our device with optional communication enlargement like LAN or Wi-Fi you can save files and control the display via network.

LPD instalation proces

In order to install LPD software on your PC start the internet browser and type the following link http://www.gilbt.com/_ewsparcie.html or simply go to our website and visit "support" subpage.

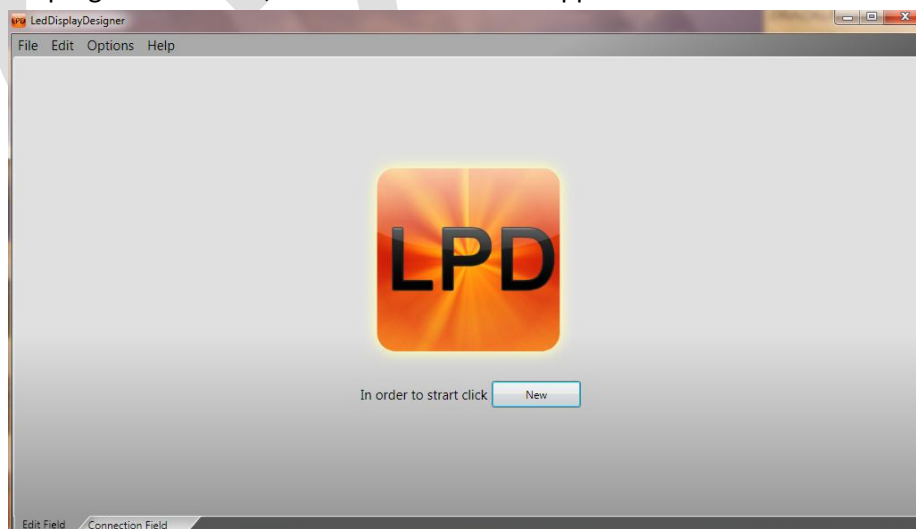
Soonest you get on the webpage press the  button and save "steup.exe" file on your local drive. Once the file is completely downloaded run it and follow an installation steps. When the installation process comes to the end LPD icon should appear on your desktop.

Hint! Windows XP users. This application requires .NET 3.5 to operate properly. This is not installed by default in Win XP. Do not worry, during installation process wizard detects and install it automatically if it is necessary, however it might take some extra time.

1. Operating the LPD software (editor)

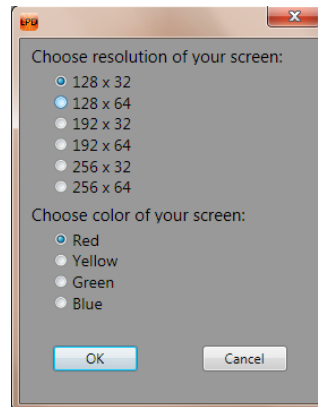
1.1. Creating new presentation

In order to create new presentation start LPD software by double clicking the  icon on your desktop. Once program is started, a welcome screen will appear.



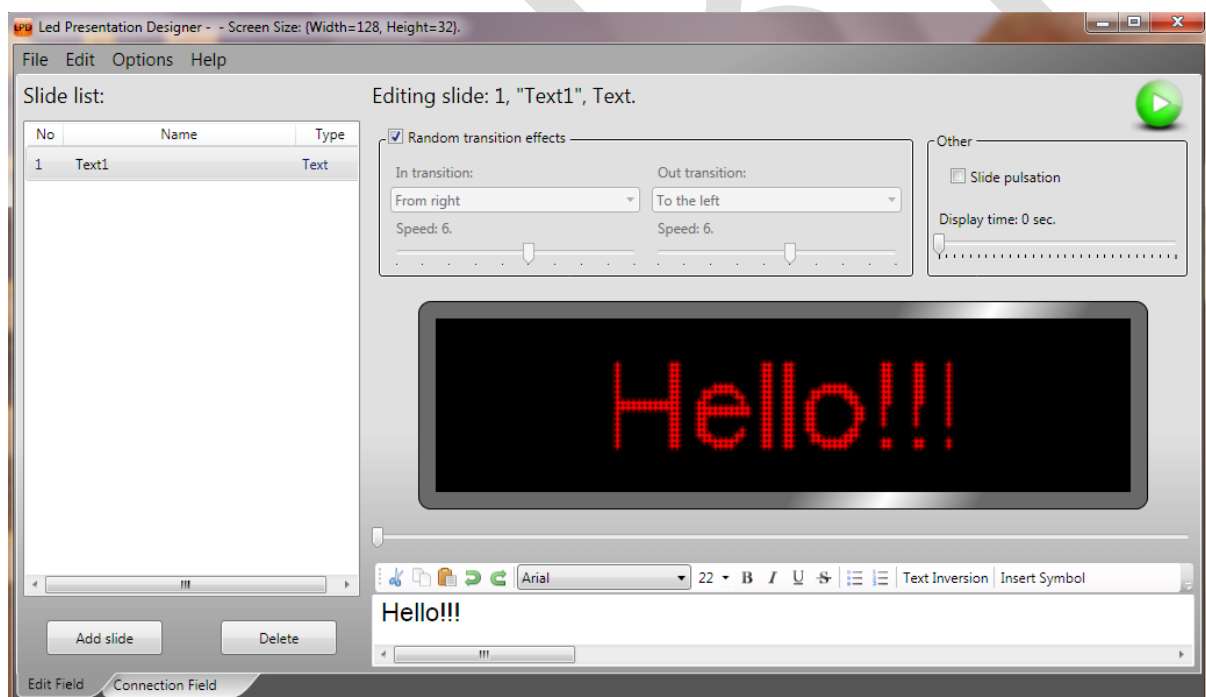
Please use the "new" button to create new presentation. Once you pressed the button you will be prompted to select resolution of your LED screen and its color (color is just for your reference, it does

not affect on the color of purchased LED display). **It is important to select correct resolution**, otherwise it might result with some significant displaying issues. In order to find out resolution of particular LED screen, go to the specification table placed at the end of user manual provided with the device.



Accept selection with „OK” button.

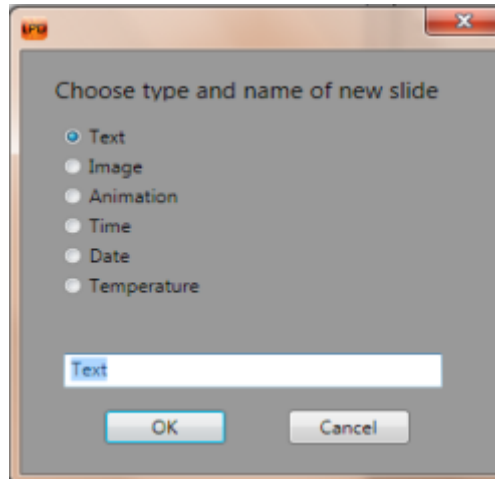
1.2. Edit Field tab



Editing screen is divided into two basic parts. At the far left on the white field you can see the list of implemented slides, at the far right is a preview and edit field of each slide.

1.3. Adding new slide

At the first start new presentation contains only one text slide that says "Hello". In order to add other slides, press the "Add slide" on the left side placed just below the slide list. A dialog box will appear that allows you to choose a type and name of the new slide.



There is a choice of six slide types: text, image, animation, current time, current date, current temperature. Choose any type you want and assign suitable name to it to keep it clear for yourself while list of your slides extends significantly. Type the text into the white box placed below the list. Once you have chosen as preferred confirm selection with "OK". Number of slides in presentation is unlimited.

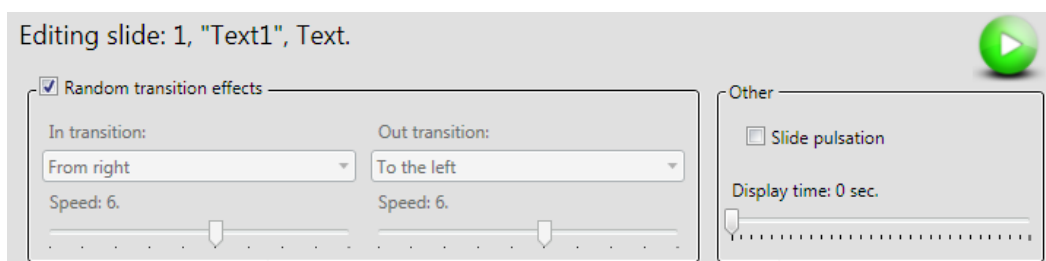
When you add the new slide to the list, you will see appearance of this particular slide on the right side of the window. To see appearance of other previously created slides, click on its name on the list.

1.4. Modifying the list of slides

After addition of new slides, you can rename, rearrange, duplicate or remove any of them. To rename specific slide, double click on its name you will see a field to enter new name, enter preferred name and confirm it by pressing "Enter". To rearrange order of slides simply use mouse gestures: grab, drag and drop. You can also duplicate slides by using copy, cut and paste commands from the menu "Edit", or standard keyboard hotkeys "Ctrl + C", "Ctrl + X", "Ctrl + V".

1.5. Slide edition – basics

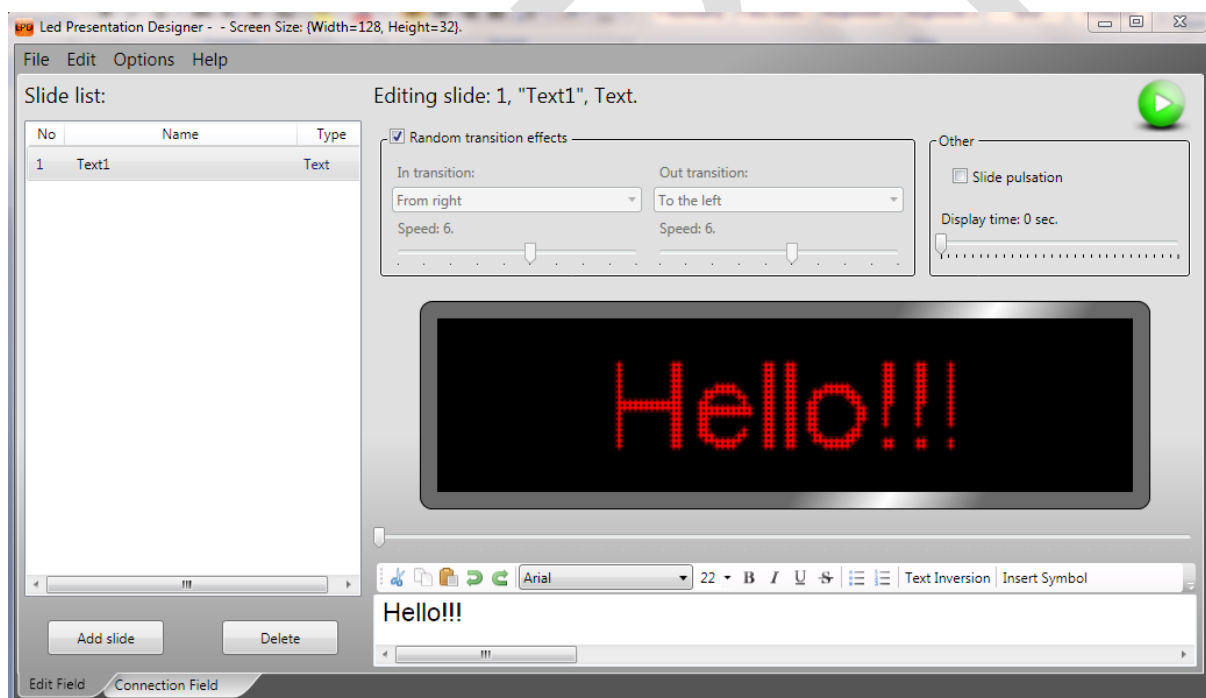
Regardless of what type of slide you generate - all types have such an option as the transition effects (in and out), the speed of those effects, the duration of the slide and optionally pulsation of slide (pulsation draws attention of potential customer). All these options are available at the top right of the main window.



There are many capabilities that enables you to create visually interesting ads, we encourage you to experiment with it to achieve preferred effect. To make it quite simple our developers designed special option "random transition effects" use it to let the program selects most suitable transition your advert. Program will choose best effect and it will adjust its speed at an appropriate level so that the user can concentrate on the content of ads and skip the step of setting the pass effects .

1.6. Text slide

When added new "Text" slide or clicking on existing text slide on the right side of the main window appearance of this slide will be displayed. By default, entered text is "Hello". Change the text according to your needs, use the white field for this purpose. Operate it just like regular text editor such a WordPad etc. Right above the text field is a tool bar that increases the capabilities of edition. Choose suitable font type and size (LPD program loads all available fonts from the win system) . You can use the "Enter" button to type the text in more than one line. Remember you are allowed to use multiple styles and font sizes on one slide. You can also insert symbols hidden in the irregular fonts containing characters other than letters. Simply press "Insert symbol" to go to the list of available symbols. Press "Text inversion" if you wish to inverse the picture. We recommend you to play with all options for best result.

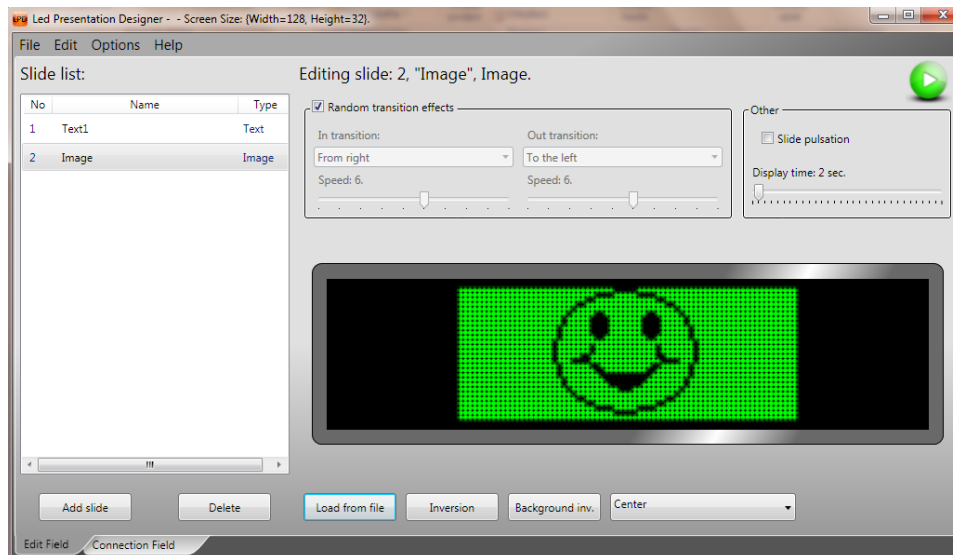


If written text is wider than the screen, is best to set the transition effects in the way to ensure text flowing from the right to the left. Set the display time to zero to avoid any unwanted stops while text flows. If you select "Random transition effects", the device takes care of proper effects automatically.

1.7. Image slide

Once "image" slide has been added to the list you can see its preview on the right side of the window. By default there is no image loaded, so the screen shows black field. Load the image from a file by clicking "Load from file" button. The program is compatible with almost all popular image formats so you can use graphics such a logos, icons, symbols etc. to enhance your ad (we

recommend to use graphics in 1bit color palette and resolution similar to LED screen resolution for best effect). The LPD program contains a few demonstration graphics, feel free to use them. Go to LPD directory on your hard drive and browse graphic files to find anything that suits your needs. Once graphic is loaded you can invert it and adjust its formatting to fit it possibly well to the screen. Of course you can also choose transition effects, tempo and display time for each slide.

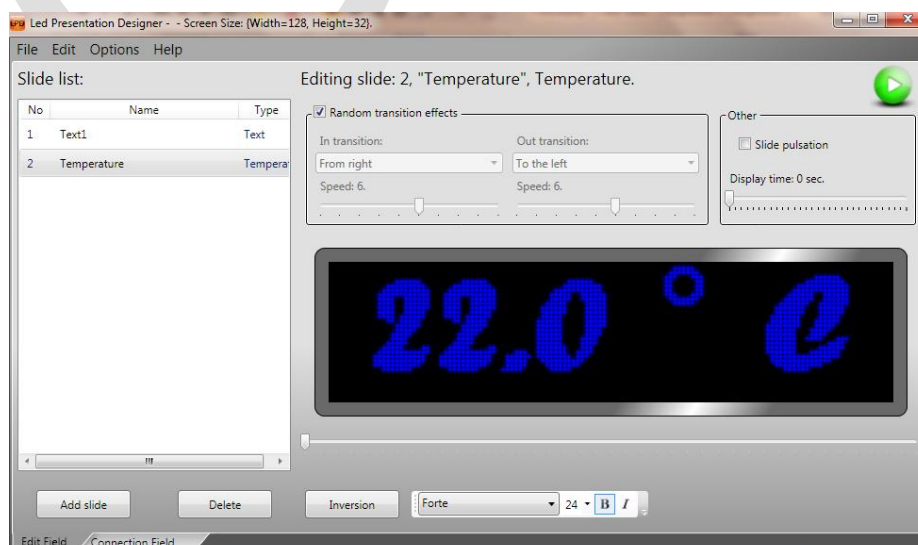


1.8. Animation slide

Edition of animation slide is very similar to edition of image slide. After addition of animation slide you need to load an animation from file, LPD is compatible with all types of animated "*. gif" files. Some demo animations can be found at LPD directory. Feel free to browse them you might find something interesting for your advert.

1.9. Information slides: time, date, temperature

The other three types of slides, such as time, date, and temperature are an information slides which means that the LED screen gains the data itself at present. Edition of these particular slides is limited to the font style which will be applied to the displayed content and transition effects (if random transition effects is disabled). After addition of one of these three slides at the bottom right a font style toolbar appears. Use available tools to adjust the font style according to your preferences.



1.10. Presentation preview

The LPD software allows you to view final effect on the screen of your computer without interfering into LED screen. In order to play the video press “play” button located at the top right corner of the window.



1.11. Saving presentation file and transferring it into the LED screen

Once you completed your work on the project you should save the *.prs file (presentation file). In order to do so go to the file bar and choose save or save as if you wish to create new file. We do recommend to save the file first on the hard drive and copy it onto dedicated SD card for precautions reasons, however it can be also saved directly on a flash drive (SD card). LED screen is able to read any file name consisting of max 8 characters (any longer name will end at 8th character with such a symbol ~), to keep it clear for yourself try to not exceed this length. Do not forget to use “Safely remove hardware” function when removing SD card from its PC slot, otherwise it might result in some data lose. Afterwards insert the SD card into LED screen and use remote controller to operate the screen.

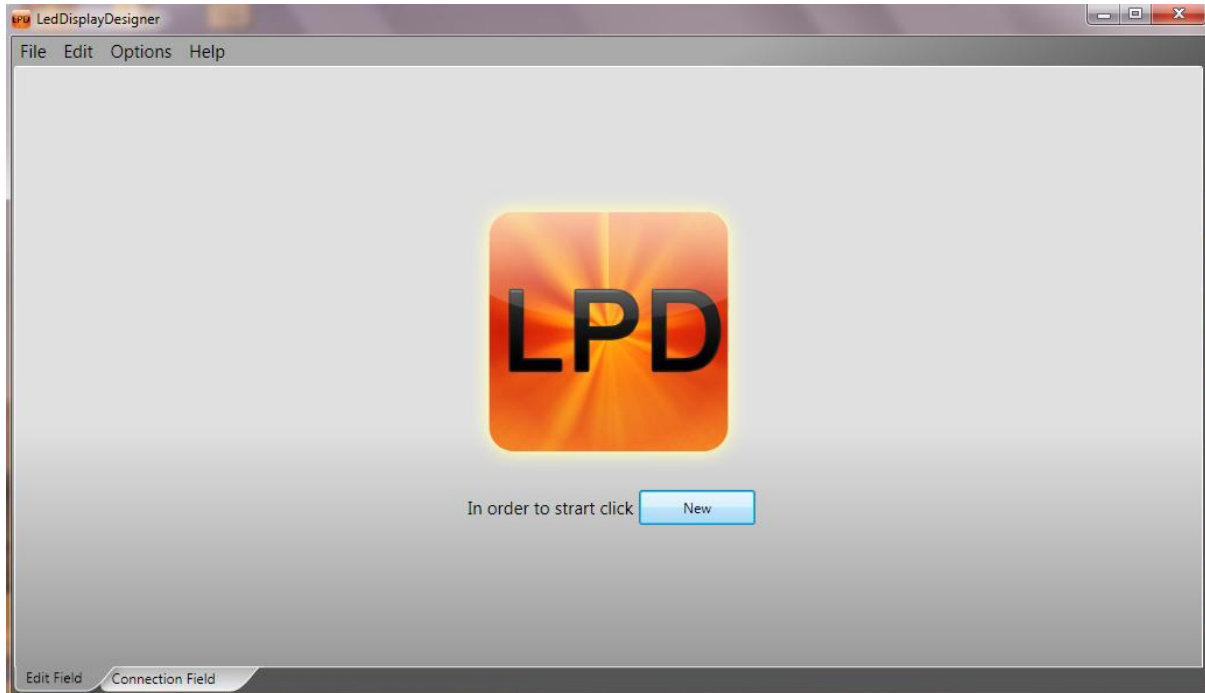
Hint! If you purchased the device with a LAN or Wi-Fi option you can save the file remotely without removing SD card from the LED screen. This procedure will be described in details further in this manual (at point 2.5)

2. Operating the LPD software (connection field)

In this chapter we will focus generally on operating LED screen via network with either LAN or Wi-Fi system (it applies only to the LED screens with such an enlargement). For this purpose we are going to use “Connection Field” tab.

2.1. Starting up

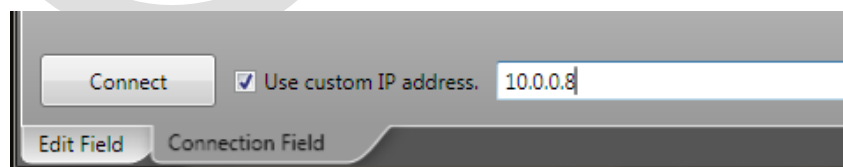
Once LPD program has been started below window will appear on the screen.



In the left bottom corner two tabs are placed “Edit Field” and “Connection Field”. At this point you can choose whether to create new presentation or edit an existing presentation saved on the Flash memory (SD card) of the LED screen.

2.2. Getting connected

In order to perform any operation via network getting connected with the device is highly essential. Go to “Connection Field” tab and click Connect button placed at bottom left corner. Always start your work with these steps if you intend to work via network.



Hint! In the case of the LED display with the LAN control system it is essential to enter a proper LAN IP address assigned to the screen. This operation has been thoroughly described in the manual "LAN and WLAN control systems" that comes with the purchase. In the case of the LED display with Wi-Fi control system, uncheck "Use custom IP address" box.

Hint! If the display is in the "Menu" mode which you enter by using the remote controller, the connection attempt will fail. Make sure that LED screen is whether in "Standby" or "Display" mode.

2.3. Connection and window layout

Click "Connect" to establish connection with the LED device, computer needs a few seconds to download all essential data from the display (during data exchange LED screen will display "Online ..."). After successful initialization all available data taken from the LED screen will be displayed in LPD window. You can see the following

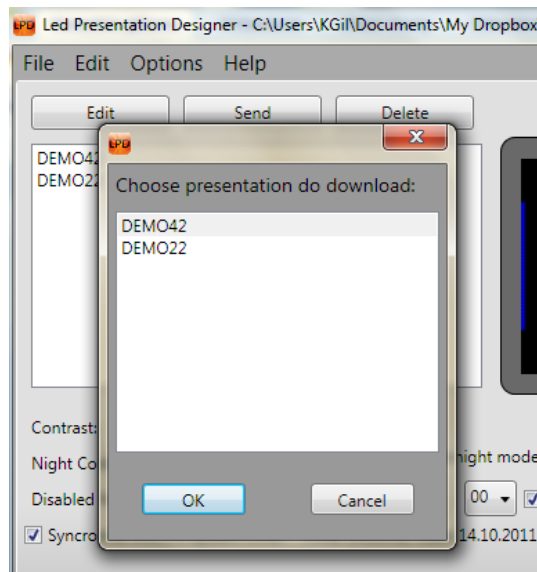
- available presentations (white field on left hand side within the LPD window)
- currently played presentation (animation at right hand side within the LPD window)
- LED screen settings such as: contrast, night contrast, auto standby mode, (right below the presentation list)
- LED screen time sync with PC option (recommended)
- current time and temperature received from the screen



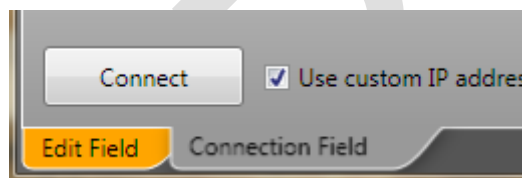
2.4. Creating/downloading and editing presentation

To create a completely new presentation you should start from the "Edit Field" tab (this procedure is described in the part 1 of this manual). Saving it onto memory of LED screen will be described in the next section.

To download an existing presentation, click the "Edit" button located above the window of available presentation files. New window with available files will pop-up, make a choice for download, selection should be confirmed with "OK".

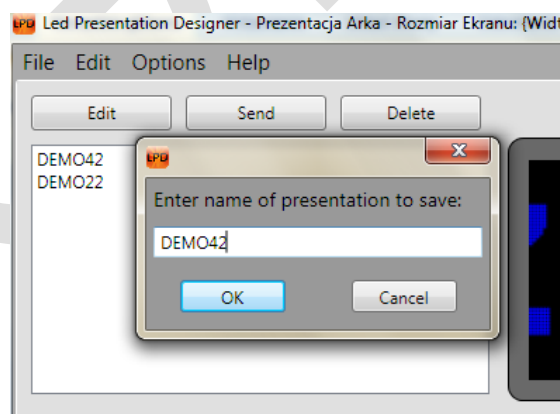


After few seconds chosen presentation will be available for editing in "Edit Field" tab. Simply go there by clicking proper tab at the bottom of LPD window and start editing the presentation (as described in first point of this manual).



2.5. Saving /overwriting /erasing presentation

New or edited presentation should be saved in LED screen memory to be able to play it on the display. In order to save the file in the memory of the display go back to the "Connection Field". Use the "Send" button placed above the window of available presentations. "Send" button is responsible for sending the presentation from the editor to the screen.

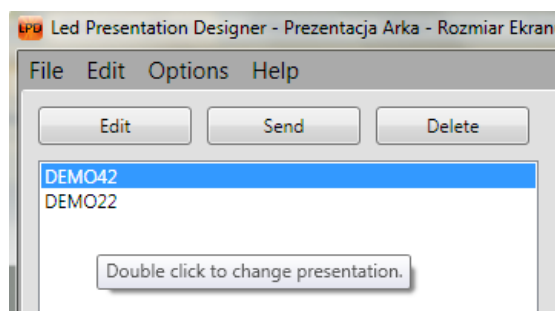


Program will ask us about the name of file you are going to save. If you use completely new name it will create a new file, if you type an existing name it will result in overwriting an existing file.

If you wish to remove any of unwanted files use "Delete" button.

2.6. Choice of presentation and playing

Once presentation is saved on the flash memory you can play it on the LED screen. An animation on the “Connection Field” tab indicates currently played presentation (look above it to see its file name). In order to change it double click on one of the available presentations on the list.



2.7. Contrast

Adjust the contrast of the LED screen by using slider next to this option. Choose the value between 1-10 to set the optimal contrast for LED screen’s environment.



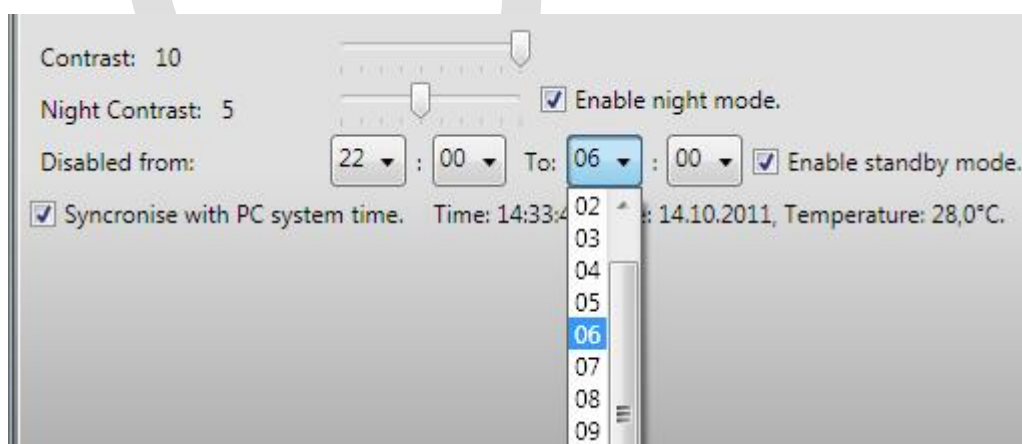
2.8. Night mode

Night mode helps you to keep optimal contrast of the LED screen over night to avoid blinding others. This mode automatically changes contrast at the time of sunset and changes it back at the time of sunrise. To set the contrast value dedicated for the night time click the checkbox and use the slider next to this option.



2.9. Auto standby mode

Given option enables you to set the times when the LED display goes automatically into standby mode. We recommend to use this option when there is not many potentials viewers, it helps to save power. In order to activate this option select the “Enable standby mode” checkbox and choose the appropriate hours for this mode thanks to available drop down boxes.



2.10. Other options

There is very handy way to keep your LED display time up-to-date, simply select "Synchronise with PC system time" checkbox. It will result in updating the time saved on the device each time when it goes online.

Moreover, LPD software gets useful data from the LED screen while it is online, such as current time and local temperature.

Summary

LPD software is an intuitive application that enables you to create effective presentation in very easy and quick way. GilBT company puts pressure on innovation, ease of handling and reliability of our products, therefore we highly appreciate any comments regarding our devices and software. If you think that there is anything we could improve or if you found any shortcoming please let us know we will do our best to fix it possibly quick. To send us an information via email go to our website under contact tab.

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